
SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

DESIGNATING THE FIRST WEEK IN FEBRUARY 2010 AS HAWAII TEEN
DATING VIOLENCE AWARENESS AND PREVENTION WEEK.

1 WHEREAS, one in three female teenagers in a dating
2 relationship has feared for her physical safety when with a
3 partner; and
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5 WHEREAS, one in two teenagers in a serious relationship
6 reports having compromised personal beliefs to please a partner;
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9 WHEREAS, one in five teenagers in a serious relationship
10 reports having been hit, slapped, or pushed by a partner; and
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12 WHEREAS, twenty-seven per cent of teenagers have been in
13 dating relationships in which their partners have called them
14 names or "put them down"; and
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16 WHEREAS, twenty-nine per cent of girls who have been in a
17 relationship report having been pressured to have sex or to
18 engage in sexual activities that they did not want; and
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20 WHEREAS, technologies such as cell phones and the Internet
21 have made dating abuse both more pervasive and more hidden; and
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23 WHEREAS, thirty per cent of teenagers who have been in a
24 dating relationship say they have been text-messaged between ten
25 and thirty times per hour by a partner seeking to determine
26 their whereabouts, what they are doing, or whom they are with;
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29 WHEREAS, seventy-two per cent of teenagers who reported
30 that they had been checked on by a boyfriend or girlfriend ten
31 times or more per hour by email or text message did not tell
32 their parents; and
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1 WHEREAS, parents are largely unaware of cell phone and
2 internet harassment experienced by teenagers; and
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4 WHEREAS, involvement in violent relationships during the
5 adolescent years can have serious ramifications for victims,
6 putting them at higher risk for substance abuse, eating
7 disorders, risky sexual behavior, suicide, and adult re-
8 victimization; and
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10 WHEREAS, the severity of violence between intimate partners
11 has been observed to be greater in cases in which a pattern of
12 violence has been established in adolescence; and
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14 WHEREAS, the establishment of "Hawaii Teen Dating Violence
15 Awareness and Prevention Week" will benefit schools,
16 communities, and families regardless of socioeconomic status,
17 race, or sex; now, therefore,
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19 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-fifth
20 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2009, the
21 House of Representatives concurring, that the first week in
22 February 2010 is hereby designated as "Hawaii Teen Dating
23 Violence Awareness and Prevention Week"; and
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25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature call upon the
26 people of Hawaii, high schools, law enforcement personnel, state
27 and local officials, and interested groups to observe "Hawaii
28 Teen Dating Violence Awareness and Prevention Week" with
29 appropriate programs and activities that promote awareness and
30 encourage prevention of teen dating violence in their
31 communities; and
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33 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
34 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, Director
35 of Health, Superintendent of Education, President of the
36 University of Hawaii at Manoa, Attorney General, the mayor of
37 each county, and the Executive Director of the Hawaii State
38 Coalition Against Domestic Violence.